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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the Abstract on page 13 of the Specification with the following new Abstract:

~~ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE~~

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ABSTRACT

A flexible, lightweight high-performance textile interconnect 1 cooperative with a variety of different textiles such as those commonly used in garments or upholstery, as well as with any of a variety of different electronic devices/systems without unwantedly compromising the innate properties/characteristics of such textiles is disclosed. The interconnect has one or more sockets (10) fashioned from a flexible textile construction (12) and one or more jacks (20) mechanically and/or electrically connectable with the one

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